GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public services – Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department – Visakhapatnam District – Allegations of irregularities in the execution of works - "Drilling of Bore Wells and Erection with India Mark-ll Hand Pump sets by Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department in Visakhapatnam District" – Departmental Proceedings initiated against Sri K.Rama Swamy, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Narsipatnam and now retired from service under the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Articles of Charge – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 142 **Dated: 07-03-2025**

Read the following:-

1. Vigilance Report No.07 (C.No.97/V&E/Engg/2018), dated:20.02.2024 of Director General, G.A.(V&E) Department.
2. Govt. Memo No.2407112/Vig.VI/2024, dt:25/10/2024.
3. Lr.No.Vig.I/RWS&S/Vskp/Ankp/V&E Report No.07/2025, dt:05.02.2025 of ENC, RWS&S.
4. G.O.Ms.No.21, PR&RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dt:07/03/2025.

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Order:-

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri K.Rama Swamy, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Narsipatnam and now retired from service as Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Ongole in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of articles of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Sri K.Rama Swamy, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Narsipatnam and now retired from service as Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Ongole is directed to submit written statement of his defence within 10 days from the date of the receipt of this G.O.

4. He is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri K.Rama Swamy, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Narsipatnam and now retired from service as Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Ongole is

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further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para 3 above or does not appear in person before the Inquiring Authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rules 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him exparte, based on the material available on record.

6. Attention of Sri K.Rama Swamy, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Narsipatnam and now retired from service as Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Ongole is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from any person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri K.Rama Swamy, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Narsipatnam and now retired from service is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the G.O. shall be acknowledged along with Annexures-I, II, III & IV.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri K.Rama Swamy, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Narsipatnam and now retired from service as Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Ongole (w.e) through the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada.

The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada (with a request to serve the orders on the Charged Officer with dated acknowledgement and send the same to the Government for record)

Copy to

The General Administration (V&E) Department, Vijayawada.
The OSD to Hon'ble Dy CM (PR&RD, RWS and EFS&T).
The Secretary to Vigilance Commission, APVC, Velagapudi.
The PR&RD (Est.II) Department.
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ANNEXURE – I

STATEMENT SHOWING THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI K RAMA SWAMY, THE THEN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DEPARTMENT SUB-DIVISION, NARSIPATNAM AND NOW RETIRED FROM SERVICE:

Charge:-

That Sri K.Rama Swamy, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Narsipatnam and now retired from service has committed irregularities in the execution of the works "Drilling Borewells and Erection with India Mark-II Hand pump sets by Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department in Narsipatnam Mandal of erstwhile Visakhapatnam District by accepting the fake Quality Control certificate submitted by the Bore well driller in respect of 5 bore wells and has allowed/excess check-measurement for GI pipeline and borewell depths, thereby an amount of Rs.26,981/- loss caused to the Government exchequer.

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
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ANNEXURE – II

STATEMENT OF THE IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF EACH ARTCLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI K.RAMA SWAMY, THE THEN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DEPARTMENT SUB-DIVISION, NARSIPATNAM AND NOW RETIRED FROM SERVICE:

The Director General (Vig.&Enft.), General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department has submitted a Vigilance Report No.07(C.No.97/V&E/Engg/2018), dated:20.02.2024 to the Government. In their report they stated that they enquired into the complaint petition of Sri K.Chandra Shekar Chodavaram, Visakapatnam, wherein the complainant has raised allegations of irregularities in the execution of the works "Drilling of bore wells and Erection with India Mark-II Hand pump sets by Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department in Visakhapatnam. The complainant has alleged that the contracting agencies for the RWS&S Department in Visakhaptnam were submitting bogus or fake Third-Party Quality Control Certificates (TPQC) from M/s.TUV SUD South Asia Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad Branch for India Mark-II Hand pumps manufactured in M/s.Savitha Tech., Hyderabad.

Based on the complaint received, the V&E officials have obtained the records and verified the works executed in RWS&S Division, Visakhapatnam & Paderu for the financial years 2012-13 to 2017-18. On verification, it was noticed that 5 hand pump sets were supplied by M/s.Savitha Tech., Kukatpally, Hyderabad with fake third party Quality Control Certificate issued in the name of M/s.TUV-SUD, Hyderabad and the officer, Sri K.Rama Swamy, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Narsipatnam and now retired has accepted the fake QC certificate since M/s.TUV-SUD, Hyderabad have stated that they have not issued QC certificates to M/s.Savitha Tech., Kukatpally, Hyderabad since 2012-13 to 2017-18. From this, it is evident that Sri K.Rama Swamy, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Narsipatnam and now retired has failed to obtain the genuineness of Quality Control certificate submitted by the third party agency.

Further, the V&E officials physically verified 61 bore wells at random covering 13 mandals under the jurisdiction of Bheemli, Anakapalli, Elamanchili and Narsipatnam Sub-Divisions. During inspection, the V&E officials have verified the depth of bore well make of Hand pump of 32mm diameter GI pipes along with connecting rods with the recorded M.Books. It was observed that out of 61 bore wells verified, there is a shortage of a total 46.69 mts in the drilling of bore well depth in 29 bore wells and shortage of 32mm diameter GI pipes in respect of 5 bore wells. The details of bore wells such as the serial numbers of the pump head cylinder and connecting rods should be recorded in the M.Books and check-measured by the higher officials before recommending them for bill payment. But the officer, Sri K.Rama Swamy, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Narsipatnam and now retired has check-measured excess measurements for GI pipeline and bore well depths. The cost of the shortfall in the depth of drilling and number of GI pipes were arrived at the cost of Rs.26,981/- by the V&E officials, which was proposed to be recovered from the agencies concerned.

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From this, it is evident that Sri K.Rama Swamy, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Narsipatnam and now retired has shown gross negligence while discharging his duties, lack of devotion to duty, lack of integrity, lack of impartially and for behaving in a manner unbecoming of a government employee and violated Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

Hence the charge.

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF THE DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI K.RAMA SWAMY, THE THEN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RWS&S SUB-DIVISION, NARSIPATNAM AND NOW RETIRED FROM SERVICE ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED:

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE ARE FRAMED AGAINST SRI K.RAMA SWAMY, THE THEN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RWS&S SUB-DIVISION, NARSIPATNAM AND NOW RETIRED FROM SERVICE ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED:

-NIL-

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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